

## Revisions to the Guidelines Offense Table, Effective March 1, 2012

The Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy (MSCCSP) has revised the Guidelines Offense Table to reflect:

- (1) new offenses passed during the 2011 Legislative Session; and
- (2) minor edits to the table.

These changes were adopted in the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) **effective March 1, 2012**. A print friendly version of the updated Guidelines Offense Table (Appendix A of the Maryland Sentencing Guidelines Manual) is available on the MSCCSP website at: [www.msccsp.org/Files/Guidelines/offensetable.pdf](http://www.msccsp.org/Files/Guidelines/offensetable.pdf). This file is searchable by key word, CJIS Code, Source, etc. Please discard any prior versions of the Guidelines Offense Table, as information contained within may no longer be accurate.

The MSCCSP reviewed new crime legislation from the 2011 Legislative Session and identified seven offenses which required the adoption of seriousness categories for new criminal penalties. Five of the seven new offenses and their respective seriousness categories were adopted in the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) effective November 1, 2011. See *Guidelines E-News Vol. 6, No. 2* for details on these offenses ([http://www.msccsp.org/Files/Reports/Enews/E-News6\\_2.pdf](http://www.msccsp.org/Files/Reports/Enews/E-News6_2.pdf)). The remaining two new offenses and their proposed classifications were reviewed at the September 20, 2011 meeting of the MSCCSP and adopted in the COMAR effective March 1, 2012. They are summarized briefly below.

### New Offenses, 2011 Legislative Session

Legislation	Statute	Offense	Statutory Maximum	Adopted Seriousness Category
House Bill 363	CR, §2-210	<b>Manslaughter and Related Crimes</b> Criminally negligent manslaughter by vehicle or vessel	3 years	VII <sup>a</sup>
Senate Bill 174/ House Bill 241	PS, §5-206	<b>Weapon Crimes – In General</b> Possession of rifle or shotgun after having been convicted of a crime of violence or select drug crimes	15 years	V

Note: Five new offenses are not included in the above table. The Commission reviewed the categorization of these offenses at a prior meeting, and they were included in the previous release of the offense table.

<sup>a</sup> The MSCCSP agreed to revisit the proposed seriousness category for this offense after a designated three year review period, at which time it is expected that sufficient data will be collected to allow for a consideration of sentencing patterns for this offense.